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SUBJECT: CIEC RESULTS IN FOOD AND AGRICULTURE, ODA

HONG KONG FOR HATHAWAY AND FERCH IN BERGLAND PARTY.
ROME FOR MCELLOWNEY (FAO COUNCIL)

1. FOLLOWING IS PRELIMINARY AGREED CIEC TEXT ON FOOD AND AGRICULTURE: QUOTE: THE WORK ON FOOD AND AGRICULTURE INCLUDED AN EXAMINATION OF ISSUES RELEVANT TO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AGRICULTURAL INPUTS INCLUDING FERTILIZER, WORLD FOOD SECURITY AND FOOD AID. THE COMMISSION ON DEVELOPMENT AGREED THAT SOLUTIONS TO THE WORLD FOOD PROBLEM, INCLUDING MALNUTRITION AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF AGRICULTURE IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES MUST BE MATTERS OF PRIMARY CONCERN AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE WHOLE INTERNATIONAL
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COMMUNITY. THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PRODUCTION TO RURAL DEVELOPMENT UNDERLINES THE IMPORTANCE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL MEASURES. IT WAS AGREED THAT WHILE THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAD THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR OWN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THESE AREAS, THEIR EFFORTS MUST BE SUPPORTED BY DONOR COUNTRIES AND BY THE APPROPRIATE MULTILATERAL INSTITU-

TIONS. IN THIS CONTEXT IT WAS AGREED THAT SPECIAL TREATMENT

SHOULD BE GIVEN AS APPROPRIATE TO CATEGORIES OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AS CALLED FOR BY RELEVANT INTERNATIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS AS ADOPTED BY THE WORLD COMMUNITY AT THE CONCERNED INTERNATIONAL FORA.

AS A FUNDAMENTAL STEP TOWARDS THE SOLUTION OF WORLD FOOD PROBLEMS, RENEWED EFFORTS MUST BE MADE AND IMMEDIATE AND EFFECTIVE MEASURES TAKEN TO FULLY IMPLEMENT ALL RESOLUTIONS AS ADOPTED AT THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE. IN THE BROAD RANGE OF TOPICS CONSIDERED, AGREEMENT WAS ALSO REACHED THAT:

1. THE REALIZATION OF THE MINIMUM AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PRODUCTION GROWTH RATE IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OF 4 PERCENT PER ANNUM, AGREED AT THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE, COULD BE ACHIEVED ONLY THROUGH THE INVESTMENT OF CONCERTED EFFORTS AND RESOURCES BOTH BY DEVELOPING AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AS WELL AS BY APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.
2. DEVELOPING COUNTRIES CONFIRM THEIR PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENSURING THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE PRODUCTION BY ACCORDING A HIGH PRIORITY TO FOOD AND AGRICULTURE WITHIN THEIR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES, TAKING MEASURES FOR APPROPRIATE PROGRESSIVE CHANGES IN THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC STRUCTURES AND RELATIONS IN RURAL AREAS, FACILITATING THE DEVELOPMENT OF ADEQUATE SUPPORTING SERVICES FOR AGRICULTURE AND PROVIDING TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE MATERIAL AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES NECESSARY FOR THE OPTIMAL DEVELOPMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL PRO-

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DUCTION AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE CORRESPONDING RESOLUTIONS OF THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE.

3. DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO SHOULD DEVELOP NATIONAL PLANS FOR INCREASING FOOD PRODUCTION, WHICH WOULD MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO DETERMINE THE INTERNAL MEANS AND THE EXTERNAL RESOURCES NECESSARY FOR THE ATTAINMENT OF THE OBJECTIVES. ALL PARTIES CONCERNED SHOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TOWARDS THE MOST EFFECTIVE USE OF RESOURCES ALLOCATED FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

4. EFFORTS AND RESOURCES INVSTED BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THEMSELVES MUST BE SUPPLEMENTED BY RESOURCES ALLOCATED BY ALL COUNTRIES CAPABLE OF PROVIDING ASSISTANCE AND BY MULTILATERAL AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS. WHILE INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES AND MANY GOVERNMENTSHAVE RESPONDED POSITIVELY TO THE NEED AND THE FLOW OF RESOURCES HAS INCREASED APPRECIABLY SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE DECADE, THERE IS NECESSITY FOR BILATERAL DONORS, MULTILATERAL AID AGENCIES, AND INSTITUTIONS TO INCREASE EFFECTIVELY AND SUBSTANTIALLY THEIR

OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE TO AGRICULTURE AND FOOD
PRODUCTION IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

-IN VIEW OF THE OVERALL TARGETS AS ADOPTED AT
THE RELEVANT INTERNATIONAL FORA THE /DEVELOPED/
DONOR COUNTRIES SHOULD INCREASE THEIR ODA LEVEL
TO FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION IN ORDER TO
ACHIEVE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE A 4 PERCENT SUSTAINED
RATE OF GROWTH OF FOOD PRODUCTION IN DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE ESTIMATE OF
THE SECRETARIAT OF THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL THAT
8.3 BILLION DOLLARS IN 1975 PRICES IN EXTERNAL
RESOURCES ON AN ANNUAL BASIS IS A NECESSARY ELEMENT
FOR ACHIEVING THIS 4 PERCENT RATE OF GROWTH OF FOOD
PRODUCTION IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

5A) WITH A VIEW TO IMPROVING CAPITAL AND TECHNICAL ASSIST-
ANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES' AGRICULTURE, SUPPLEMENTARY
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EFFECTIVE MEASURES SHOULD BE TAKEN BY INDUSTRIALIZED COUN-
TRIES, MULTILATERAL AGENCIES AND OTHER DONORS TO PROVIDE
OFFICIAL FLOWS ON THE MOST CONCESSIONAL TERMS APPROPRIATE
TO THE RECIPIENT COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC CONDITIONS.

5B) IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALREADY ADOPTED PRINCIPLES AND WITH
THE AIM OF HELPING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO UTILISE PRO-
GRESSIVELY THEIR FOOD PRODUCTION POTENTIALS, MULTILATERAL
AND BILATERAL DONORS SHOULD PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION AND
ACCORD FAVOURABLE TREATMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 3,
RESOLUTION 1 OF THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE AND WITH PARA-
GRAPHS 50 TO 53 AS ADOPTED IN THE REPORT OF THE SECOND SES-
SION OF THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL. PRIORITY SHOULD ALSO BE
GIVEN TO PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS AIMED AT BENEFITTING THE
POOREST PRODUCERS, PLACING EQUAL EMPHASIS ON BOTH ECONOMIC
AND SOCIAL ASPECTS.

6. THE PARTICIPANTS WELCOME THE ATTAINMENT OF THE AGREED
TARGET OF \$1 BILLION AS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE INITIAL RE-
SOURCES OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVEL-
OPMENT, AS SUPPORTED BY THE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. ALL
INTERESTED PARTIES AND COUNTRIES SHOULD UNDERTAKE PROMPTLY
THOSE STEPS WHICH ARE NECESSARY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND
COMMENCEMENT OF OPERATIONS OF THE IFAD, WHICH IS OF FUN-
DAMENTAL IMPORTANCE TO THE SOLUTION OF THE WORLD'S FOOD
PROBLEMS.

7. NOTING THAT PRODUCTION OF FERTILIZERS IN DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE WILL BE BELOW THEIR
INCREASING NEEDS, AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE RECOMMEN-
DATIONS OF THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE, OF THE FAO COMMIS-
SION ON FERTILIZERS AND THE CONSULTATIONS ON FERTILIZERS
HELD IN JANUARY 1977 IN UNIDO, THE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

AGREES THAT EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO EXPAND THE SUPPLY AND PRODUCTION OF FERTILIZERS IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

A) INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES AND DONOR COUNTRIES
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CONCERNED SHOULD EXTEND THEIR FINANCIAL AND OTHER ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO IMPROVE THE UTILIZATION OF THEIR EXISTING FERTILIZER PRODUCTION CAPACITIES.

B) FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED, WHICH WOULD INCLUDE SUPPLY OF TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT ON FAVOURABLE FINANCIAL TERMS WHERE APPROPRIATE TO THE ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES FOR THE INSTALLATION OF NEW, AS WELL AS ENLARGING EXISTING, FERTILIZER PRODUCTION CAPACITY IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH POSSESS NECESSARY RAW MATERIALS AND/OR OTHER FACTORS FAVOURING SUCH INVESTMENTS.

PARAGRAPHS (A) AND (B) SHOULD BE READ TOGETHER WITH THE AGREED CONCLUSIONS ON INDUSTRIAL CAPACITIES (PARA.....)

8. DONOR COUNTRIES, AS A MATTER OF URGENCY, AND IN MEETING THE REAL NEEDS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, SHOULD INCREASE THEIR ASSISTANCE TO THESE COUNTRIES, IN KIND AND/OR CASH, UNDER CONCESSIONAL TERMS, SO AS TO ENABLE THEM TO MEET THE MINIMUM NEEDS FOR FERTILIZERS. THE NEEDS OF MSA'S, IN 1975-76, WERE ESTIMATED, AT THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION OF UNGA, AT ONE MILLION TONS OF NUTRIENTS. THIS ASSISTANCE SHOULD BE PROVIDED BY THE MOST APPROPRIATE CHANNEL, BILATERAL AND/OR MULTILATERAL, INCLUDING THE INTERNATIONAL FERTILIZER SUPPLY SCHEME OF FAO.

9. THE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION RECOMMENDS THAT STEPS BE TAKEN: A) TO INCREASE THE PRODUCTION CAPACITIES AS APPROPRIATE AND SUPPLIES OF PESTICIDES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, THROUGH FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, BY DONOR COUNTRIES AND INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS VIA BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL CHANNELS.

B) TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR SEED PRODUCTION, TRAINING AND RESEARCH INTO HIGH-YIELDING
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VARIETIES OF SEEDS SUITED TO THE CLIMATIC CONDITIONS OF

THE BENEFICIARY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, INTER ALIA VIA BILATERAL PROGRAMS OR CONTRIBUTIONS ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS TO THE FAO SEED INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT OF AT LEAST TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS.

10.(A) THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE DIALOGUE CONFIRMED THE IMPORTANCE THEY ATTACH TO THE STRENGTHENING OF WORLD FOOD SECURITY AND, CONSEQUENTLY, TO THE PRINCIPLES CONTAINED IN THE INTERNATIONAL UNDERTAKING ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY

ON IMPROVING THE SUPPLY CONDITIONS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND REDUCING THE FLUCTUATION IN PRODUCTION AND PRICES ON THE WORLD MARKET FROM WHICH THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SUFFER SEVERELY.

(B) IT IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT IN VIEW OF THE NECESSITY TO FACILITATE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRINCIPLES CONTAINED IN THE INTERNATIONAL UNDERTAKING THAT AN EARLY DECISION BE MADE TO UNDERTAKE FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TO THE CONCLUSION OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL GRAINS ARRANGEMENT, ONE OF THE IMPORTANT FEATURES OF WHICH WOULD BE AN INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM OF NATIONALLY HELD GRAIN RESERVES. ALL EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE BY CONCERNED GOVERNMENTS TO CONCLUDE NEGOTIATIONS BEFORE THE EXPIRY OF CURRENT EXTENSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL WHEAT AGREEMENT.

(C) AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY AT ITS 2ND SESSION, THE OBJECTIVES AND MAIN ELEMENTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL UNDERTAKING ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY SHOULD BE APPROPRIATELY REFLECTED IN THE PROVISIONS OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL GRAINS ARRANGEMENT WHICH SHOULD ALSO PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO SAFEGUARDING THE SPECIAL INTERESTS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

11. IN ORDER TO MEET THE OBJECTIVES OF FOOD SECURITY, THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE DIALOGUE EMPHASIZE THE USEFULNESS OF CARRYING OUT EVALUATIONS OF THE LEVEL OF CURRENT AND UNCLASSIFIED

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PROSPECTIVE STOCKS OF CEREALS BY REFERENCE TO THE ESTIMATES ALREADY MADE BY THE FAO SECRETARIAT, AS AGREED, PENDING FURTHER EXAMINATION, BY THE COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY AT ITS SECOND SESSION, AS A REASONABLE BASIS FOR ITS ASSESSMENTS. ESTIMATES SUCH AS THESE COULD BE USED TO ESTABLISH A BASIS FOR AN ASSESSMENT OF THE MINIMUM LEVEL OF WORLD CEREALS STOCKS, ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT SUCH ESTIMATES DO NOT IMPLY ANY PARTICULAR COMMITMENT AS REGARDS THE LEVEL OF STOCKS TO BE ADOPTED IN AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON CEREALS.

12. GOVERNMENTS AND CONCERNED INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD GIVE PRIORITY TO EVOLVING POLICIES

AND PROGRAMMES TO PROVIDE THE MOST APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION XVII OF THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE, IN THE FORM OF GRANTS OR ON SPECIALLY FAVOURABLE TERMS, TO HELP DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IMPLEMENT APPROPRIATE NATIONAL FOOD STOCK POLICIES, INCLUDING THE EXTENSION OF STORAGE AND TRANSPORT FACILITIES, WITHIN THE PRIORITIES OF THEIR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES.

13. DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND OTHER DONORS SHOULD, WHERE

POSSIBLE, EARMARK STOCKS OR FUNDS FOR MEETING INTERNATIONAL EMERGENCY REQUIREMENTS.

14. THE NEED WAS ALSO STRESSED FOR ALL COUNTRIES TO CONDUCT THEIR OPERATIONS OF STOCKS AND TRADE RELATIONS IN SUCH A WAY AS NOT TO DISCOURAGE THE GROWTH OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND NOT TO DISRUPT INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN THE FIELD OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE.

15. THE DECISION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO MAKE AVAILABLE WITHIN THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME AN INTERNATIONAL RESERVE FOR EMERGENCIES WITH THE AIM OF A TARGET OF NOT LESS THAN 500,000 TONS OF CEREALS, PENDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORLD FOOD GRAIN RESERVE, SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE; CONSENSUS HAS BEEN REACHED AND UNCLASSIFIED

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MODALITIES ALREADY AGREED IN THE COMMITTEE ON FOOD AID POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES ON WAYS AND MEANS OF IMPLEMENTING THE DECISION. IN SUPPORT OF THIS OBJECTIVE DEVELOPED DONOR COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN THE DIALOGUE ANNOUNCED THEIR INTENTION TO PARTICIPATE. THIS WOULD BE BY AN INDICATION OF FINANCIAL TRANSFERS OR AVAILABILITIES OF COMMODITIES FROM WHICH CONTRIBUTIONS COULD BE MADE TO THE RESERVE, THROUGH APPROPRIATE CHANNELS AND PROCEDURES. THEY CALLED UPON OTHER POTENTIAL DONORS TO INDICATE THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE RESERVE.

16. RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF FOOD AID AS A TRANSITIONAL MEASURE, PARTICIPANTS AGREED THAT SUCH AID MUST BE A MATTER OF CONCERN AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE WHOLE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. AS RECOMMENDED BY RESOLUTION XVIII OF THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE, THE COMMISSION STRESSED THAT ADEQUATE ACTION OR COMMITMENTS SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN IN ORDER TO REACH PROMPTLY THE MINIMUM ANNUAL TARGET OF 10 MILLION TONS IN PHYSICAL TERMS FOR CEREALS, IN CASH AND/OR IN COMMODITIES. THE LEVELS OF FOOD AID NEEDS SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO CONTINUING ASSESSMENT.

17. THE CIEC AGREED TO RECOMMEND THAT THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND OTHER DONORS SHOULD SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE THE GRANT COMPONENT IN THE TOTAL FOOD AID SUPPLY, ESPECIALLY TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN SERIOUS ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES. FOOD AID PROVIDED TO THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUN-

TRIES SHOULD BE ESSENTIALLY IN THE FORM OF GRANTS.

18. FOOD AID SHOULD BE ADMINISTERED IN A MANNER TO AVOID DISINCENTIVE EFFECTS ON PRODUCTION IN RECIPIENT COUNTRIES AND WITH DUE REGARD TO THE LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES EXPORTING FOOD COMMODITIES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FAO PRINCIPLES ON SURPLUS DISPOSAL.

DONOR COUNTRIES, IN APPROPRIATE CASES, SHOULD MAKE EFFORTS TO PROVIDE FOOD AID THROUGH CASH RESOURCES IN THE FORM OF TRIANGULAR ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN THEMSELVES, DEVELOPING FOOD EXPORTING COUNTRIES AND RECIPIENT COUNTRIES. THIS UNCLASSIFIED

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MIGHT BE ARRANGED, INTER ALIA, THROUGH THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME. END QUOTE

2. FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS OF PRELIMINARY AGREED CIEC TEXT ON ODA.

QUOTE: 1. (A) PURSUANT TO THE AGREEMENT OF THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHICH ENVISAGES THE ATTAINMENT OF THE 0.7 PERCENT TARGET BY THE END OF THE DECADE, AND HAVING IN MIND THE FORM IN WHICH IT WAS REACHED, /DEVELOPED/ DONOR COUNTRIES SHOULD INCREASE EFFECTIVELY AND SUBSTANTIALLY THEIR ODA.

(B) THOSE /DEVELOPED/ DONOR COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE NOT SO FAR ACCEPTED THE CONCEPT OF THE TARGET COMMIT THEMSELVES TO WORK TO INCREASE PROGRESSIVELY AND SUBSTANTIALLY THEIR OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FLOWS TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE RAISING OF THE LEVELS IN THE REAL VALUE OF THESE FLOWS.

(C) WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF AN EQUITABLE SHARING OF THEIR EFFORTS, /DEVELOPED/ DONOR COUNTRIES' EFFORTS WILL BE THE GREATER, THE LOWER THEIR RELATIVE PERFORMANCE.

2. THE METHODS TO BE USED TO INCREASE FLOWS OF ODA, IN ORDER TO MEET THE OBJECTIVES SET OUT ABOVE, SHOULD BE DETERMINED BY EACH /DEVELOPED/ DONOR COUNTRY, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ITS EVOLVING INDIVIDUAL INSTITUTIONAL AND BUDGETARY PROCEDURES. SPECIFIC MEASURES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR ADOPTION OR CONTINUE TO BE APPLIED. AMONG THESE COULD BE THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS WHICH ARE NOT RPT NOT NECESSARILY MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE:

(A) INCREASE ANNUALLY THEIR ODA BUDGETS BY A SPECIFIC PERCENTAGE ON A MULTIYEAR BASIS;

(B) SET ASIDE AT LEAST ONE PERCENT OF THEIR ANNUAL GNP INCREASE EXPECTED TO ACCRUE TO BE DEVOTED TO AUGMENT ODA FLOWS;

(C) INCLUDE AID VOLUME TARGETS IN THEIR ECONOMIC PLANNING;

(D) UNDERTAKE LONG-RANGE PLANNING OF AID BUDGETS.

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3. THE VOLUME OF ODA OF EACH /DEVELOPED/ DONOR COUNTRY SHOULD, AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, NOT BE AFFECTED IN THE FUTURE

BY BUDGETARY DIFFICULTIES. BALANCE OF PAYMENT PROBLEMS OR OTHER RELEVANT FACTORS, SO AS TO ASSIST IN RENDERING ODA FLOWS PREDICTABLE, CONTINUOUS AND INCREASINGLY ASSURED.

4. WITH A VIEW TO INCREASING THE VOLUME OF ODA FLOWS AND ENHANCING THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE NEEDS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, THE PARTICIPANTS AGREED THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ABOVE CONCLUSIONS SHOULD BE REVIEWED REGULARLY.

AMENDMENTS TO TEXT ON ODA AGREED IN INFORMAL CONTACTS BETWEEN G8 AND G 19

1. INTRODUCE ASTERISK AGAINST THE TITLE "OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE" ON THE FIRST PAGE, AND INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING FOOTNOTE:

"IN THIS TEXT, EXCEPT UNDER THE HEADING MULTI-LATERAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, THE EXPRESSION "DONOR COUNTRIES" REFERS IN THE VIEW OF THE G19 TO DEVELOPED DONOR COUNTRIES ONLY, BUT IN THE VIEW OF THE G8 TO ALL DONOR COUNTRIES INCLUDING DEVELOPING DONOR COUNTRIES".

2. IN TH TEXTS RELATING TO VOLUME OF ODA, TERMS OF ODA FLOWS, GRANT ELEMENT AND UNTYING, THE WORD "/DEVELOPED/" SHOULD BE DELETED WHEREVER IT OCCURS. END QUOTE. VANCE

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